

REMARKS

INTRODUCTION

In accordance with the foregoing, claims 18-20, 26 and 27 have been amended. Claims 1, 3-6, 8-12, 22 and 23 have been cancelled. Claim 30 has been withdrawn. Claims 18-21, 24 and 26-29 are pending and under consideration.

CLAIM REJECTIONS

Claims 1, 3, 5, 6 and 8-12 were rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by the applicant's prior art (hereinafter "APA"), specifically Figures 1A, 1B, 2, 3A, 3B and 7-9.

Claims 1, 3, 5, 6 and 8-12 have been cancelled.

ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

The Applicant acknowledges with appreciation that claims 18-24 and 26-29 have been allowed. Claims 22 and 23 have been cancelled. Claims 18-20, 26 and 27 have been amended to improve the form of the claims. No new matter has been added.

CONCLUSION

There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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